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SUBJECT:ARGENTINE CANDIDATE FOR MINORITIES SUBCOMMISSION

REF: BUENOS AIRES 9554

1. DEPT HAS ALSO RECEIVED REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE
CANDIDACY OF DR. AMADEO IN NOTE FROM ARGENTINE EMBASSY.
DEPT WILL REPLY ALONG STANDARD LINE THAT WE WILL GIVE
AMADEO CANDIDACY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

2. FYI. THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE 26-MEMBER SUB-
COMMISSION WILL BE RE-ELECTED AT THE 34TH SESSION OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1978 FROM
AMONG EXPERTS NOMINATED BY MEMBER STATES ON THE FOLLOWING
BASIS: 12 MEMBERS FROM THE AFRO-ASIAN GROUP OF STATES, 6
MEMBERS FROM THE WEO STATES, 5 MEMBERS FROM THE LA STATES,
AND 3 MEMBERS FROM THE EE STATES. IT IS CUSTOMARY U.S.
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PRACTICE TO DEFER TAKING A POSITION ON CANDIDACIES FOR
ELECTION TO UN BODIES UNTIL PREFERENCES OF THE REGIONAL
GROUPS DIRECTLY CONCERNED ARE KNOWN. ELECTION IS EXPECTED
TO TAKE PLACE TOWARD CLOSE OF HRC SESSION WHICH IS
SCHEDULED TO END MARCH 10. ELECTIONS ARE BY SECRET BALLOT
IN 32-MEMBER HRC, WHICH IS MADE UP OF GOVERNMENTAL
REPRESENTATIVES. USG EXPECTS TO HAVE A CANDIDATE. END FYI.

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